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WORKFORCE COVERED UNDER EPFS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 397 million workforce in the country, only about 26.3 million have so far been covered under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme both in exempted and unexempted sectors;

(b) if so, the reasons for not covering the entire workforce under EPFS; and

(c) the time by which the remaining workforce is likely to be brought under EPFS?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The establishments notified under Schedule I of the Employees` Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and those having 20 or more workers come under the purview of the Act. The employees drawing wages upto Rs.6500/- p.m. are covered. More and more industries are gradually being brought under the Act and the wage ceiling is also being revised periodically for enhanced coverage. Possibilities are being explored for extension of the Social Security cover through Employees Provident Fund Organisation to identifiable groups which are presently not covered.